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Hats off to the
CLASS OF
2004

Degree is gold at the end of the rainbow

By JEN DANNER
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Burton received a star on the legendary Hollywood Boulevard Walk of Fame in 1990.

Burton graduated from USC School of Theatre.

Willamette commencement on Sunday, May 16, marks the first honorary doctorate awarded to LeVaris R. Burton, also known as LeVar Burton, host of Reading Rainbow, Lt. Geordi LaForge of Star Trek The Next Generation, or Kunta Kinte of the 1977 miniseries Roots. Burton will receive an honorary doctor of fine arts degree.

Burton's participation in the commencement exercises is due in part to the actions of previous undergraduates. "A couple years ago, some undergraduate students had submitted his name as a candidate," Director of Special Events Alison Marshall said. She added that upon notifying Burton, he happily accepted the opportunity to receive a Willamette honorary degree and speak at commencement.

"Students are very excited," Marshall said. "So many of the students had grown up with him. We've heard nothing but great response of his coming." As children, many students watched the Public Broadcasting Service's "Reading Rainbow," for which he won 18 Emmy awards and four Fred Rogers Awards.

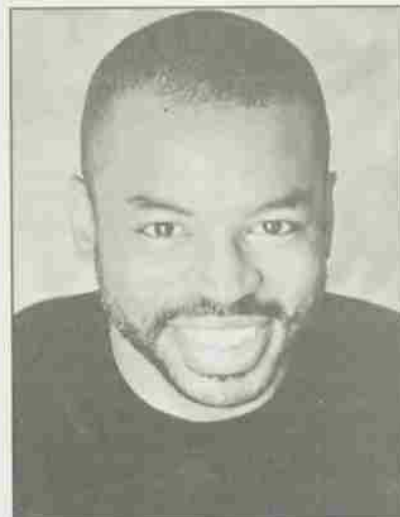
Marshall, who has been work-

ing with Burton's family and publicist, said that Burton is looking forward to his time on the Willamette campus. "They've been great to deal with. He has about seven family members attending. It will be nice for him."

Burton will focus primarily on "the importance of literacy and the role that education played in his life, and how critical his mother was to encouraging him to reach his potential," Marshall said. "He'll want to convey that message to the graduating class."

Burton will act as featured commencement speaker, but is only one of four people receiving honorary Willamette University doctorates this year. While the others are not featured speakers, they may say acknowledging remarks.

Henry Louis Gates Jr., a well-known African-American scholar who chairs the Afro-American Studies program at Harvard University, will be receiving an honorary doctor of humane letters. He has contributed such works as "Figures in Black: Words, Signs, and the Racial Self," and "The Signifying Monkey: Towards a Theory of Afro-American Literary Criticism" to the study of African-



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LeVar Burton will bookend the best of our educational career with his speech concerning the importance of literacy.

American Literature.

Ann Rule, a Willamette alumna, is a prolific writer who has written 20 New York Times best-seller crime novels. She is also a member of the U.S. Justice Department Task Force that set up the Violent Criminal Apprehension Program. The program is designed to help identify and trap serial killers. She will receive an honorary doctorate of

humane letters.

The fourth honorary degree recipient is William Webber. He will be awarded an honorary doctorate of public service. Webber was the vice president of Tektronix beginning in 1954 and instituted one of the first corporate giving foundations in the country. He has provided numerous scholarships to Willamette University, Willamette Academy and Willamette Athletics. Three of his children graduated from Willamette institutions as well.

Willamette University awards between three and four honorary doctorates each year, focusing primarily on past students who have excelled. "We always try to recognize an alumni person," Marshall said.

"Each university has a list of honorary doctorate degrees that they award. The types of degrees that we have offered in the past are: doctorate of fine arts, doctorate of public service, doctorate of divinity, things along those lines."

According to Marshall, "our speakers are similar or of greater notoriety to other universities." Willamette tries to award degrees to "people of significance who have contributed to society," she said.

Graduate responses to the infamous \$64,000 question

By CHRIS FOSS
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Once the excitement of commencement has come to an end, the Willamette University Class of 2004 will break up and disperse across the globe. Whether pursuing an elusive entry-level position or a Master's degree, many graduates are heading toward unique opportunities.

Recent surveys by Willamette's Institutional Research department show that the immediate pursuits of most graduates lie in finding employment. According to the surveys, 66 percent of graduates between 2000 and 2002 entered the workforce within a year of graduation. Over 20 percent went on to graduate school and 7 percent were still searching for a job after a year.

Several 2004 graduates, however, are bypassing both school and the challenging job market.

Psychology major Joanna Thome has been accepted by a



Becca Legg,
will be editing and writing for Positive Action

government program in Jiangsu, China to teach English.

"I've never been to Asia," she said, "but I love to travel and learn about other cultures, so I am very excited."

Thome represents a minority of graduates, however, as most will remain in the United States.

Rhetoric major Becca Legg will be working in her hometown of Twin Falls, Idaho as editor and writer for Positive Action, Inc. According to Legg, the company publishes character education



Joanna Thome,
will be teaching English in China

curricula for K-12 public schools and community programs. She will be working to edit old products and develop new products for the company.

Legg said she is excited because Positive Action gives her an opportunity to contribute immediately in a meaningful way to a workplace that is on her career path.

"The prospects of serving an internship, then acting as a glorified secretary for a big publishing company like Random House did not sound all that exciting," she said.

"I want to be able to make a difference in the company with my work right away. Positive Action will immediately give me a lot of responsibility and flexibility."

Legg believes she may one day attain a job at a bigger publishing company, but she insists she is not looking too far into the future.

"I think I have a good start," she said. "I'm excited to be a part of a

company that is helping schools, families and communities teach their children good values."

Chemistry major Megan Kennedy is heading to Athens, Georgia, where she'll be working for the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service as an analytical chemist.

"I've always been interested in the practical side of chemistry, so testing meat, poultry and eggs for different compounds seemed like a good way to go," she said.

Kennedy's new job fits well with her long-term goal of having a successful career as a chemist while also fulfilling her desire to travel to new places.

"I'm really excited about this job because I'll get to use the lab skills I learned at Willamette, move to a different part of the country and experience a host of new things," she said.

AVERAGE POST-GRADUATE PLANS for the class of 2000 through class of 2003:

Full-time work:
65 percent

Grad School:
21 percent

Looking for work:
9 percent

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RETRO CAMPUS SAFETY REPORT: SEPT. 2000-MAY 2004

Campus Safety received way too many calls to count in the last four years.

Bomb Threat

Oct. 4, 2000 (University Center) – Campus Safety and the Salem Police Bomb Squad investigated a suspicious package received by Mail Services earlier in the morning.

Burglary

Oct. 1, 2000 (Beta Theta Pi) – Campus Safety Officer facilitated the return of miscellaneous items stolen from two fraternities the previous night by visiting members of a University of Oregon fraternity.

Criminal Mischief

Oct. 9, 2000 (Kaneko Hall) – Campus Safety Officer investigated a report from Amtrak that students at Kaneko Hall were shooting paint balls at the railroad station.

Disorderly Conduct

Feb. 17, 2001 (Theatre) – Campus Safety received a call reporting that a

group was pushing the Fu dog statues over at the theatre. The group was also observed exposing themselves at Goudy Commons. The members of the group have been identified.

Policy Violation

Feb. 1, 2002 (Terra House) – Campus Safety officers observed a student urinating on the south wall of Terra House.

March 2, 2004 (Japanese Garden) – Campus Safety contacted several students after having received a noise complaint. Students were consuming alcohol in the garden and leaving empty containers as litter.

Trespass

Sept. 12, 2000 (Law School) – Campus Safety Officers issued a trespass warning to a paper deliverer who habitually drove at an unsafe speed through campus early each morning.

Sept. 24, 2000 (Gatke Hall) – Campus Safety found a subject asleep next to the building. A record check showed the subject to have an outstanding warrant for burglary in the

state of Maryland. The subject was issued a written trespass warning and escorted off the campus after the Salem Police Department was notified.

Jan. 21, 2001 (Haseldorf Apartments) – Received a report of a male subject yelling outside the building. Officers responded and spoke with the subject who was yelling and talking to himself. He said that he was talking to Jesus and Jesus told him to read loud. The subject was asked to leave campus and not return.

Nov. 7, 2003 (Montag Center) – A 40-year-old male, who was recently released from jail, was found in the Montag Center. He was somewhat intoxicated and was told to leave campus.

Theft

April 18, 2001 (Matthews Hall) – Campus Safety received a report that items that were reported stolen have shown up on the internet site e-bay. An investigation continues.

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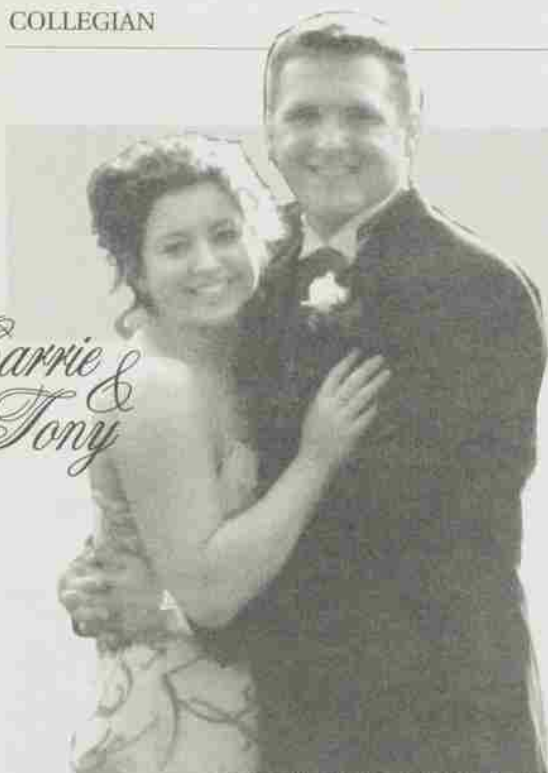
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Not pictured: Sarah Kassel, Emily Simpson and Jana Fischer

THE SUNDAY PROFILE

Engagements

Carrie & Tony



COURTESY OF CARRIE MCINTYRE

Carrie McIntyre and Tony Jones will be married this summer. The bride is the daughter of Jerry and Mary Kay McIntyre of Merlin, Ore. The groom is from Vida, Ore. and is the son of Mark and Bev Young and Alan and Sheri Jones.

Carrie is a 2004 graduate of Willamette University with a degree in art studio. Tony is a graduate of Willamette University with a degree in business economics.

Tony and Carrie will be married on Aug. 14, 2004.

Tony has one year left at the Atkinson Graduate School of Management. Carrie will remain in Salem for the coming year continuing to work at Starbucks and T-Mobile while waiting for her big break as a movie star.

The Couple became engaged on March 25, 2004. According to Carrie, Tony spent an hour talking to her parents about receiving their blessing while Carrie was out running errands. When she returned they went out to the car to go to a local coffee house.

Before Carrie could get into the car, Tony pulled the ring out of the trunk of his car and got down on one knee. Tony said, "Carrie, will you marry me?"

Carrie replied with a muffled, yet excited, "yeah."

The wedding date is set for Aug. 14, 2004, and will take place in Grants Pass, Ore.

Willamette community members in the wedding party are Tori Moran, ('04), John McDowell, ('03), Damon Foreman, ('02), Bryan Luukinen, ('02), Dru Dillard, ('02), Chris Short ('02) and Dominic McIntyre, ('02).

Phil and Katie will be married on Sept. 4, 2005.

Katie Skiff is to be married to Phil Hatzenbuehler next summer. The bride is the daughter of Matt and Victoria Skiff of Bremerton, Wash. The groom is the son of Dave and Patricia Hatzenbuehler, also of Bremerton, Wash.

Katie is a 2004 graduate of Willamette University with a major in economics. The groom will graduate in 2005 from Portland State University with a major in architecture. The couple plans to live in Portland for the following year.

According to Katie, the couple became engaged on March 24, 2004. "We were in Mexico and went for a walk on the beach that afternoon. After playing for a while in the sand Phil said he had a question to ask and got down on one knee. The rest is history," she said.

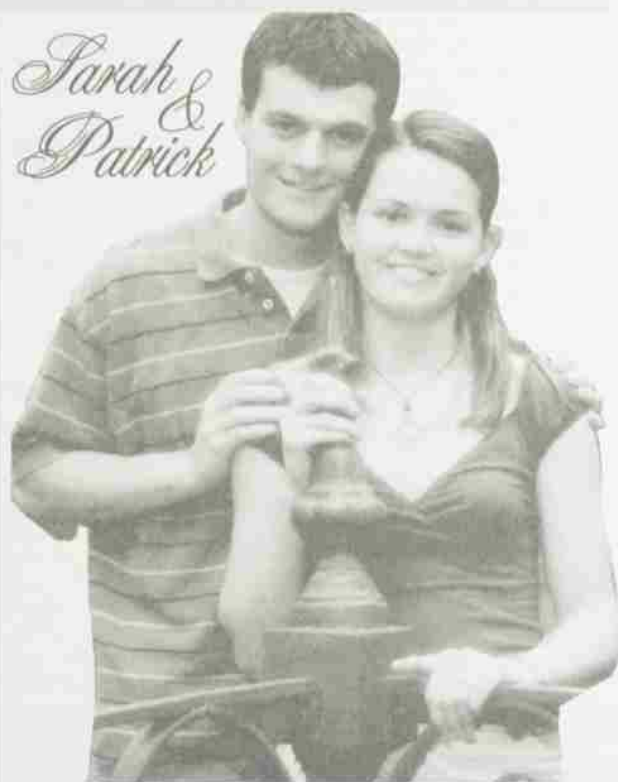
The wedding date is set for Sept. 4, 2005, and will take place at the Alderbrook Resort near Belfair, Wash.

At press time, the wedding party had not yet been determined.



COURTESY OF KATIE SKIFF

Sarah & Patrick



COURTESY OF SARAH O'BRIEN

Sarah and Patrick will be married on Aug. 6, 2004.

Sarah O'Brien and Patrick Everitt will be married this summer. The bride is the daughter of Jim and Colleen O'Brien of Spokane Wash. The groom is the son of Gary and Pam Everitt of Salem, Ore.

Sarah is a 2004 graduate of Willamette University with a degree in psychology. Patrick is a 2004 graduate of Willamette University with a degree in environmental science.

The couple plans to move to Spokane, Wash. following the graduation ceremonies.

Sarah and Patrick became engaged on Jan. 10, 2004. According to Sarah, Patrick surprised her in Spokane while she was there on a team basketball trip.

The wedding date is set for Aug. 6, 2004, and will take place in Spokane, Wash.

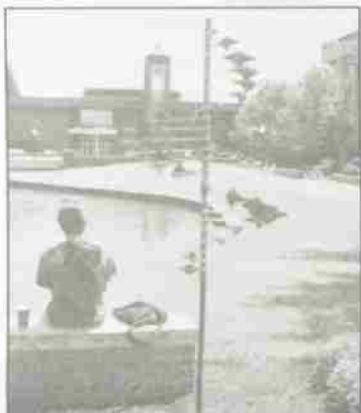
Members of the Willamette community to be included in the wedding party are Brad Lomax ('04) and sophomore Megan Scheelar.

Public Eye

COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES SCHEDULED ALL DAY

Three graduation ceremonies area scheduled to take place on campus today. The commencement exercises for the Atkinson Graduate School of Management will take place at 9 a.m. in Hudson Hall. The College of Law graduation ceremony will take place at 11:30 a.m. on the Quad. A joint ceremony for the College of Liberal Arts and the School of Education will begin at 3:30 p.m. on the Quad.

SENIOR CLASS RAISES \$1,200 TO DONATE WIND SCULPTURE



MIKE KIEFER

The fundraising efforts of the class of 2004 have manifested into a unique senior gift. The class donated a wind sculpture near the Mill Race.

COMMENCEMENT HONORS LARGEST GRADUATING CLASS IN SCHOOL HISTORY

Today the largest class in the 162-year school history will graduate from Willamette University. The College of Liberal Arts will award 434 degrees. Graduates of the CLA represent 27 states and four countries. The most popular degrees include economics, biology and English. The College of Law will award a total of 118 degrees. This year's graduates from the College of Law represent 19 states and a total of 87 undergraduate schools. The Atkinson Graduate School of Management will award degrees to 52 students, who represent 10 states and eight countries. The School of Education will award 70 degrees.

Fast times at Willamette Univ.

By AMY RATHKE
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When the class of 2004 arrived on campus in fall of 2000, they found a very different Willamette than the one they leave this May.

There was no Montag Center, registration was done in person, and the Collegian was still a black-and-white rag of little worth. A look through the Collegian's archives reflects a class that has persevered through events extraordinary and mundane, both on our fair campus and elsewhere.

Willamette was named as the only public or private university in Oregon to make the "U.S. News and World Report" annual listing of "America's Best Colleges." The freshman class was off to a good start as they began Opening Days, with news of two donations of \$2.65 million came in for the Montag Center.

That fall, election fever hit Willamette hard. College Republicans and Democrats debated, students argued whether a vote for Nader was a waste of time, and Al Gore's second-oldest daughter Kristin visited the Bistro while on the campaign trail for her dad.

As students returned from their first winter break of their college careers, they found a re-designed Cat Cavern and Salem in the depths of its seasonal drear.

Tori Haring-Smith

was hired to take over as Dean of the College of Liberal Arts, and the concept of Residential Commons was introduced to the campus. Work continues to phase in the commons as the class of 2004 graduates. Online registration replaced in-person registration for the first time ever, vaulting Willamette into the 21st century.

In the fall of 2001, the graduates' sophomore year began on a somber note. Barely two weeks into school, the terrorist attacks of September 11 brought the campus together in a convocation in Smith Auditorium mourning the victims of the New York and

Washington, D.C. attacks. The campus also organized reflection times in Cone Chapel and candle-light vigils on the grounds of Waller Hall.

As springtime came around, campus had its share of noteworthy visitors. Author Amy Tan spoke as part of the Atkinson Lecture Series, and activist Julia "Butterfly" Hill was the featured speaker at Wulapalooza.

With two years of college under their belts, the now soon-to-be alumni returned as upperclassmen in the fall of 2002. Many were traveling abroad, but those who were on campus witnessed such events as the burning of a dorm room in Lausanne and increased activism surrounding the heating political situation in Iraq. Once again, the University was back in the top tier of schools in the "U.S. News and World Report."

Spring semester brought Archbishop Desmond Tutu and war for America. Students from all locations on the political spectrum expressed their views through different events on campus, the most prominent being a peace rally held in Jackson Plaza in February and a teach-in held on April 2.

The fall of 2003 was a busy one for this class. The women's soccer

team encountered rejection, as they were snubbed by the NCAA for the second time and denied a bid to nationals in spite of their dominant

presence in Division III play for three years. Willamette's Chamber Choir closed out the semester by filming a segment in a CBS Christmas Special.

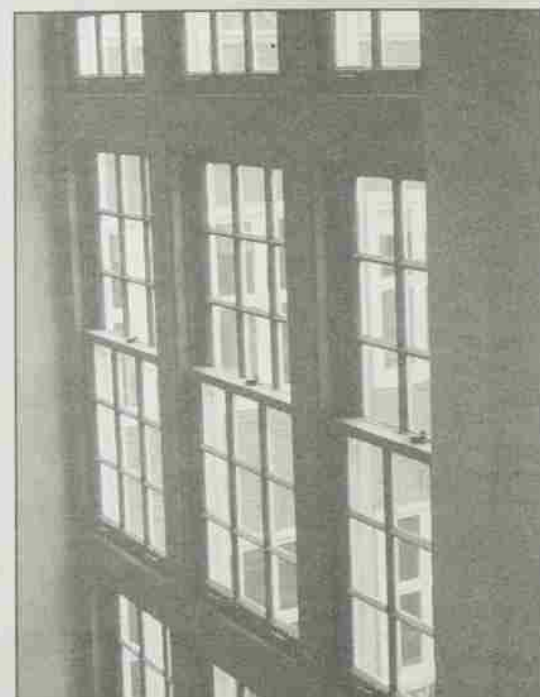
This past spring has shown no shortage of interesting goings-on. Portland became the epicenter of the gay marriage controversy, the president of ASWU resigned from his position, and campus was swamped by a broken water main.

And so, after an eventful four years at Willamette, the class of 2004 is moving on to bigger and better things.



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WHERE'S WEST?
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Submit your guess of the photographer's location on campus to Stacy West at <swest>.



STACY WEST

Diverse futures face graduating seniors

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LAST YEAR'S GRADUATES:

◆ Full-time work: 63 percent

◆ Grad school: 20 percent

◆ Looking for work: 17 percent

Data for the the class of 2003 still being compiled

While the majority of graduates will be departing Salem, there is also a small contingent that is remaining at Willamette to attend graduate school.

Director of Career Services Nancy Norton said that six graduates have confirmed their plans to continue their education at Willamette.

One such individual is psychology major Kevin Hall, who is entering the School of Education hoping to become a teacher following an intensive 10-month period of study.

"My plan is to be a middle-school social studies teacher, and ultimately a principal," Hall said.

"I love kids, and I learn a lot from them, and I'm excited for the opportunity to be a part of their learning process."

FEATURE

Grads, what path would you choose?

Congratulations, Grads! The last four or so years have been filled with countless activities, papers, and fun times. You should definitely look back and treasure those memories.

This is also your chance, however, to look back on what you might have done differently. What if you could be a cheery, starry-eyed freshman again? What would you do differently? What choices would you make when the going got tough?

With "Choose Your Own Willamette Adventure," we here at the Collegian have brought you both a quirky way to remember your college career and a little entertainment. Enjoy, and congrats on your achievement!

— Erik de Bie

1. Please select a gender. Proceed to 2 if male, 3 if female.

2. You get to Willamette on the first day and find there are a multitude of pretty ladies (and men, if you're that way). The woman-to-man gender ratio is 60:40. Looks like a big dating pool. Yes! Go to 4.

3. You get to Willamette and find that 40 percent of the school is composed of poorly dressed men. You begin to have serious doubts about the dating pool. Go to 4.

4. You spend a full week running here and there in Opening Days, meeting all of your fellow freshmen (or at least all you can manage). Your first class is World Views, which is studying Zanzibar. The semester is marked by regular late-night trips to the Montag C-store. It's over before you know it. You have accumulated FOUR credits. If you have a major in mind, go to 6. If not, go to 5.

5. Ignoring gentle prodding from the Registrar's Office you prefer to call yourself a "liberal arts student," rather than declare any particular major. As a bright-eyed freshman, you feel free in your studies to pursue any of your interests,

including bad language, philosophy, and/or drinking. If you continue studying and spend the majority of your time working furiously (though not on any particular thing), go to 7. If you choose to indulge in "optional studies," (i.e. beer), go to 9.

6. Congratulations! You have chosen to pursue a major at Willamette, in defiance of the vaunted liberal arts education. If you choose to drop your major at any time, go immediately to 10. If you choose hard science, go to 7. If you become a lay-about humanities kid, go to 12. If you choose a major in fine arts, go to 13. If you slack off, regardless of major, go to 8. If you decide to hit the ganja on the weekends, go to 9.

7. **AXIS MUNDI:** After months and months of hard work, you wonder how anyone can manage to write this many papers and juggle this many numbers. One semester has passed and you have now amassed FOUR credits, having completed a full semester's load. If you continue your hard work, go to 14. If you party or slack off for a semester, go to 8. If you have twelve credits or more and want to study abroad, go to 20. If you are a junior and have NOT declared a major, go to 11. If, in the midst of work, you choose to give your crush a call, go to 15. If you want to go out for a sport, go to 21. If you want your voice to be heard in the political atmosphere of Willamette, go to 22. If you want to put off studying and jump toward the real world, go to 23 if you take a job or 24 if you take an internship. If you have thirty-one or more credits and a major, go to 25.

8. After a whirlwind of video games, beer and your pillow — you find yourself seriously behind. You've managed to accumulate THREE credits and your GPA has hit a record low. You are asked politely to drop out of your chosen major. You are also written up for "criminal laziness." If you choose to continue your

self-destructive pattern, go to 16. If you get back on the academic path, head back to 7. For a complete reversal, declare a major, psych yourself up for study, and head to 6. If you've been written up by campus safety four times or more, go to 19.

9. Yeah, we didn't learn to count either.

10. You're burnt out — you decide to finally stick it to the man and drop your major! Yeah! If you get back into the thick of it to shop for a new one, go to 7. If you want to go further and stick it to the man even more, blow off work and drink, then head to 8.

11. A junior without a major? We don't mind, but the Registrar's a hater. If you have twenty-two credits or less, you can fight off Paul Olsen for at least one more semester: go to 7 if you do your work, go to 8 if this all seems like too much work without a little somethin-somthin'. If you have 23 credits or more, they won't let you back in the doors if you don't declare a major, so go to 6 and get right on that!

12. You are a humanities major, pursuing a discipline that has no practical application. If you don't mind 150 pages a night, this can be fun, go to 7. If you're slackass, or need a little chianti to feel peachy with your Nietzsche, head to 9. If you decide to publish your work in the Collegian or the Chrysalus, or if you work with the Walluluh, go to 17.

13. You are an artist, creating pleasing music and/or works that express your emotions. If you do homework and do your artsy thing on the weekends, mostly, head to 6. If you're too artsy to live and can't be troubled with a schedule, head to 8. If you list whiskey among your influences, also head to 8. If you perform at Wulapalooza, dance on over to 18.

14. The semester ends, and you've managed to race through it with flying colors.

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Talk of the Millstream

Willamette will award a total of 674 degrees this year.

As juniors, we here at the E.O.M.S. desk have limited experience with graduation ceremonies. Sure, there were festivities honoring our completion of kindergarten,

and marking our passing from fifth grade to middle school, and even a "promotion" from eighth grade to high school.

But none of these matched the pomp and circumstance that surrounded that bastion of American clichés, the high school graduation.

Up until now, high school graduation was probably the single biggest deal any of us have ever had made about us. Now, as the two of us become seniors and you all prepare to enter the "real world," we thought it would do us all some good to look back at high school and see how far we've come.

Both of us were speakers at our graduations. Isaly was valedictorian, and she shared with her fellow graduates a touching speech about the values they'd all learned in high school and the ways they all exemplified them.

It's easy to talk about everyone in your class when you come from Dubois, Wyo. and only have 17 classmates. Incidentally, that made Isaly the only person in the top 5 percent of her class—how many of you can say that?

Amy was salutatorian, but not because of her astoundingly high G.P.A. Nobody else in her class wanted the job. She asked if she could do it and the then-desperate administration agreed. She talked to her classmates about mistakes, and how they were all bound to make them after graduation. They shouldn't worry, though, because mistakes are part of life and they build character.

She cracked a few jokes about how several students were probably only graduating because of mistakes made by the administration, and how some of her fellow graduates probably owed their very existence to mistakes made by their parents.

It wasn't until after the ceremony that Amy's brother informed her that she, too, fell into that category. Oops.

But this is your time to shine, class of 2004. As we salute you, let us make it clear that we're really not bitter about being the class that has to follow in your footsteps.

Oh no, we don't hold any grudges from those days in elementary school, when the teachers who had you guys were all wearing t-shirts that said, "I taught the class of 2000!" We must have been such a let down, having a high school graduation year that wasn't a big, round number.

We did have one gimmick, though. Your teachers couldn't play the soundtrack to "2001: A Space Odyssey" while you were doing your multiplication tables or practicing your cursive.

At any rate, we'll miss the festive animosity with which we've come to view your class. Like it or not, we'll have some big shoes to fill next year.



AMY RATHKE
and ISALY JUDD
news editors

There are currently 23,622 Willamette alumni.

In 1859, Emily York became the first Willamette graduate (ever!) with the degree of Mistress of English Literature.

WU spirit lives on



JULIE WILLIAMS

Senior Sarah Kassel picks up her goody bag (with travel mug, travel tag and chocolate) from the Office of Alumni Relations at the Senior Party last Thursday night.

By SARAH KASSEL

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Personal Account

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It's a funny thing when we reach turning points in our lives. Everything takes on gargantuan sentimental and frenetic proportions; it's the end of an era. As seniors, the end of this semester has been a crazy emotional onslaught each day. We grew misty-eyed over the "lasts."

"Can you believe this is our last undergraduate class ... ever?" sniffed one of my friends on Tuesday. Still, we would have gone crazy if the "lasts" never were. The person you never made out with, the prank you never pulled, the ultimate game you never played – all became compulsively necessary in these last weeks.

All of a sudden, seniors had nothing to lose. It was all systems go, mania style. No, this was not Senioritis: an acute desire to do nothing; this was Seniormania. Frantically, we racked up scramble points, because, hey, what else were you going to do with your last few days? The suspended time between academia and the real world resulted in more break-ups, make-ups and make-outs than a primetime soap opera.

I think my favorite example of evidenced seniormania occurred at our "last" midnight breakfast. Hazy picking at my eggs, I looked up to see three naked derrieres sprinting through Goudy. Despite my burnt retinas, I had to hand it to the unmasked crusaders. They were able to assess

the situation, and stage a perfect "last": maniacal behavior at its best.

The best part of seniormania is that Willamette University encourages it. Senior Social and Senior Party are perfect examples. The 2004 senior class single handedly made any inner city, hormone-ridden, middle school busload look like a gospel choir.

But for those who didn't remember the social or didn't go, there was no fear! The scramble was still on! Unfinished business at senior social could dutifully be taken care of at the senior party.

Under the tent, we seniors mixed debauchery with donation. Yes, the office of Alumni Relations was there to answer any questions you may have had concerning your next check to the University.

So, you see, there really is no final "last." Our mania will slowly be channeled into phone-a-thon fun, and we'll keep our connection to Willamette in one form or another. Whether we're remembered for wearing a birthday suit to midnight breakfast, or putting a head through a window, these are the ties that bind.

And really, in the end, who is going to remember the tearful goodbyes? Oscar Wilde once said, "I can resist everything except temptation," so thank you, 2004 for caving to temptation and living the memories!

Choose again, grads

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You have accumulated another FOUR credits. Your friends and parents praise your abilities as an honors society dork. If stay buckled down, go to 7. If you have sixteen credits or more and have NOT declared a major, go to 11. If you have thirty-one or more credits and a major, go to 25.

15. You choose to play the relationship game. You are going steady before you know it. If you're under the impression that members of the opposite sex are impressed by schoolwork, head to 7 and do some studying. If your relationship is more an all-encompassing, head to 8. If you hook up at parties and refuse to acknowledge one another's presence afterward, head to 9.

16. Another semester passes in a similar vein: you do games, parties, sleep, concerts ... anything but work. You get a note that you are on academic probation. You also get written up for "Hello McFly!"-type negligence." If you had a significant other, s/he ditches you for less of a "loser." Your friends push you to cut your losses and try again. Head to 7.

17. Congratulations, you work at one of the publishing organizations on campus. Students are either blessed or assailed with your work on a regular basis. In addition to creative production, your boss pushes you to do your schoolwork. Head to 7.

18. You take up the instrument to give a rousing concert at the annual Wulapalooza festival. Your performance draws a standing ovation. Head to 7.

19. Campus Judiciary has sent you to mandatory rehab. After a grueling series of weeks of breaking the habit cold-turkey, you return to enjoyable life with a clean(er) slate. Head to 7.

20. You spend a semester studying in a foreign land. It is the greatest experience of your collegiate life and you meet hundreds or new friends and wonderful people. It's a shame to come back to Willamette, where you have to wait until graduation to hop on a plane again! Go to 7.

21. You go out for a sport,

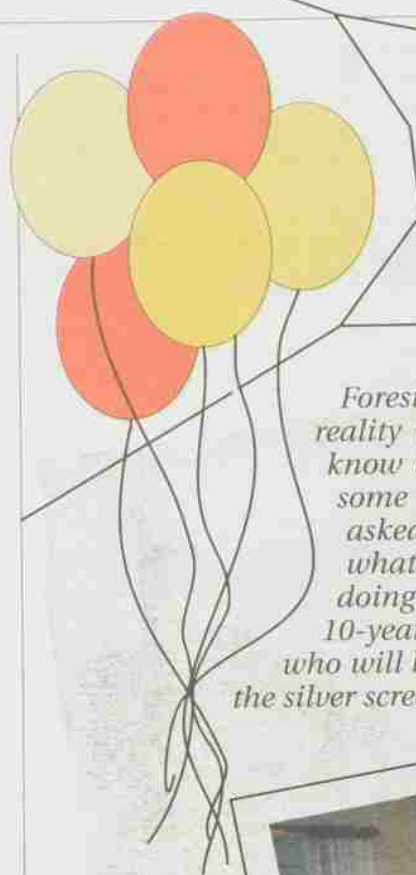
whether it's varsity collegiate or intramural at the physical peak of your life. Go to 7.

22. Not content to wait until life after graduation to gripe about taxes, you participate in the campus political scene. Whether it's students wanting Choice, Freedom, Peace and Justice, Strength/Health/Equality or whatever, you are an important and vocal member of your club of choice. Go to 7.

23. You join the work force of America, the people who slave to keep the economy stable for all us slacker college students. You try to get studying in on the sides (or when the boss isn't looking!) and at the same time try to manage yourself so as not to have a breakdown from the stress. Go to 7.

24. Who needs cash? You're looking to build a resume here. Thus, you take an unpaid internship as an office bitch. Whether at the Capitol building or one of the many offices in Salem, you go to work all the time in stylish digs and carry a business card. Go to 7.

25. Commencement: the flags go up. CONGRATULATIONS, you have graduated with 31 or more credits and a major (and possibly a minor). Your parents and loved ones are ecstatic, and now you get to display all you've learned in the real world. Who cares about that frustrating job market or faltering economy? You've just accomplished something huge, and for that you should be proud.



Foresight is always a funny thing. If you've seen Fox's reality television show "High School Reunion," you know that a lot can change after graduation. And some things never do change. To that end, we've asked several Students on the (Mill) Street to predict what their best friends from Willamette will be doing ten years from now. Come the class of 2004's 10-year reunion, who will be married with two kids, who will be a big-time CEO, and who will find fame on the silver screen?

By Mary Ann Albright



Stinky and Bryn

After being married in an INCREDIBLE wedding in Maui, Christine Greger will move to Washington, DC, where she will not only be the first female president, but also the first president to address the needs of women. She will juggle this career with her 4 kids, a perfect zigzag part in her hair and impeccable fashion sense. When she isn't running the country, she will be the host of her very own cooking show, "Stinky Live!" To unwind from her hectic schedule, she will make regular visits to her dear friend (me) in Maui, where she will relax and learn the ways of the islanders, sitting on the beach, reminiscing about drinking "cokes" at the Ram back in college.

In ten years, my dear friend Bryn Lynch will have moved her hot bod to Maui. For her day job, she'll be out doing J-Lo as a wedding coordinator, and for her night job, she'll be crooning on the violin at all the weddings she plans. Of course, she'll schedule her work hours around prime tanning time, so that she can work up lots of endorphins, and the tourists will constantly ask her for directions, mistaking her for a native. Bryn will drive an all-terrain Jeep, so that she can take her five kids out on wild excursions in nature. Finally, being a homebody, Bryn will fly back to Salem at least once a month to visit the fam. She'll finance trips to Maui for all her fabulous friends in Portland...that's means me!!

Welcome to the Class of 2004 10 year reunion

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David Tercek is a successful businessman. He loves his wife, but mainly because she wears low-cut shirts, and therefore gets free things for the whole family to enjoy. He is still a real smooth talker, the type of guy that will piss on your foot and tell you it's raining. His successful chain of restaurants, called "Eat the Dong," has spread into three states on the west coast, and one in Tennessee. He enjoys drinking non-alcoholic beverages, then going out pretending he is drunk. On vacations, he prefers to go on extended cruises with a long-haired man named Juan. Overall, he is happy and is looking to go into the hair salon business, with a side career of producing horrible '80s music.

I believe Patrick Kelley will be leading a church group in the Northwest. Or, he will be working in a not-for-profit organization with a family of two kids. He will also have a drinking problem, finding himself in bars quite often, maybe even the one he owns. Oh yeah, did I mention he would be running his own bar on the side? It does not matter who he is married to, he will always be looking at the ladies and seeing who he can impress that day. Pat is a great guy and will be successful in whatever he does. He will be playing soccer in the beer leagues, and will have trained for two marathons because he is obsessed with running, but will not follow through because he gets lazy. Love ya, Pat.

Ten years from now, Kelsie Carl will have graduated from law school and have a successful career. She will definitely be married with one or two children and one cat. She will either be living in Washington or Oregon (so that she is close to the family), and will be very active in her church. -Predicted by Britta Wood



Career: He runs a ski resort in Alaska, with a world-renowned restaurant that serves 100 percent organic foods, and a spa specializing in medicinal relaxation techniques. He will also be

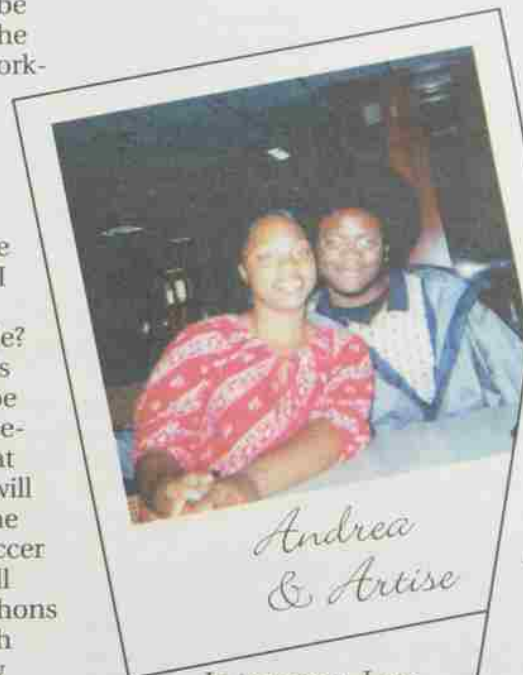
coaching high school lacrosse, part-time.

Marital Status: Married to a hippie girl named Riverbud Butterflyfart.

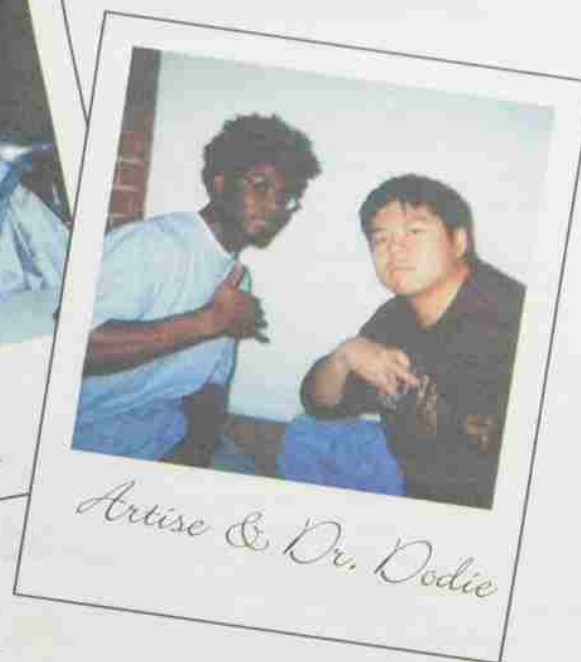
Kids: No kids, because he'll still be impotent due to the lacrosse injury he sustained this year. He is against adoption.

Residence: He will live in a cabin close to his resort, and his property will include a huge organic farm that supplies his restaurant and spa up in Alaska.

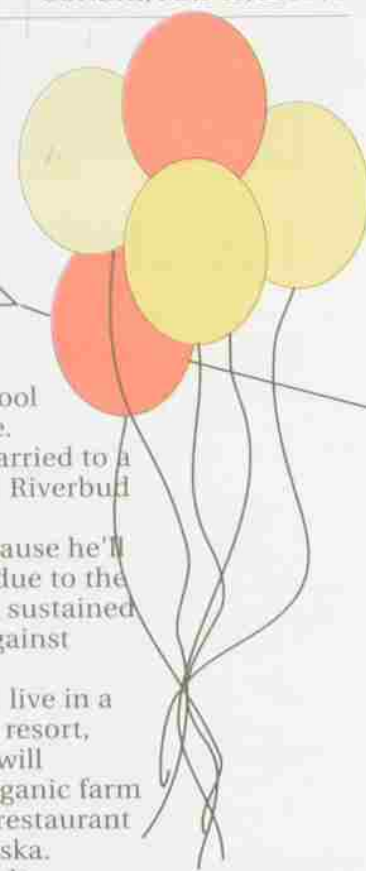
-Predicted by Keith Bondaug



In ten years, I see Andrea Cobb as a very successful person in the field of public policy. She would have been instrumental in getting some changes in legislature for help with poor or low income families. She will be married with two kids and have a nice house. She'll probably have a couple of cars, one of which will be a Jetta (named C.J., cherry junior). She'll probably be sitting on her porch, watching the sun set with her family, drinking some coffee.



In ten years I see Dodie de la Cruz as a doctor. He will probably be very successful and still living here in Oregon. He will be married and have a bunch of little Dodies running around. He will probably be a little fat and still chasing women after being divorced twice. He is too charming for his own good. -Predicted by Artise Burton



OPINION



COLLEGIAN ARCHIVES

Ryan Rogers' favorite banner posted over the University Center during Freak Week. This phrase is the basis behind the Freaks N Geeks club philosophy.

The myth of normalcy

By RYAN ROGERS

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During Freak Week, a friend of mine overheard two girls talking about the banners hanging from the UC. The banner in question just happened to be my favorite, which read: "NORMAL IS A MYTH."

According to my friend, one of these girls felt that Freaks N Geeks was judging 'normal' people the same way that we (Freaks N Geeks) don't want to be judged. It was an interesting interpretation that immediately made me deeply hope that this girl was NOT an English major.

Still, I wonder if it's true. Do Freaks N Geeks really hate, despise, judge, exclude, and malign normal people? Of course we do! We can't stand you normal folks, walking around with your normal shoes and your silly normal haircuts.

Why, if we could wipe you normal people off the face of the planet, that would be our glory day! That's right, I'll just say it. We have been waiting for the day to march on this school and eliminate you 'normalies' (that's what we call you) once and for all.

The only reason we haven't done it yet is because we ran into a little problem. We can't figure out exactly who we are supposed to eradicate.

Maybe you can help us out. What is normal anyhow? Is it listening to popular music, wearing name-brand clothes or drinking Starbucks coffee? Certainly that's not 'abnormal', but in what universe would we assume that these are

the only attributes on which to be judged. Sure, you may really dig the song

"Milkshake" just like the millions of other people, but how many other things about you are different.

Personalities and cultures are gigantic, expansive, complex things that make it so no one is neatly categorized into little boxes. If no one can be categorized, then there can be no such thing as 'normal'. We are all different. In other words, we are all Freaks and Geeks.

So who do FnG want to eradicate?

Well we'd love to get rid of people who pressure other people to be anything other than themselves in the sake of acceptance. We'd love to destroy the idea that you have to be boring to fit in, or that you have to be anything but proud of who you are. What's more we will storm the castle walls on anyone who thinks they have the right to exclude anyone else simply because they are not 'normal'.

It may sound hackneyed, but if we do not start building our communities on the diversity that our society represents, then all we do is create division: the "us" and the "other".

Conversely, the only way to eliminate this idea is to accept the differences of each member of the communal whole, and build a solidarity on that diversity.

The only way to do that, is to understand that the phrase "Normal is a Myth" applies to us all.

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I like it when you call me 'Big Papa'

I think that we as males need to stop being so uptight about being called "Big Papa."

Many may regard this as a non-issue. Many consider this just an issue of contemporary slang. But the reality is that gender issues is at the heart of this argument, and in order to improve gender relations, we need to become more gendered, not drift into androgyny.

As I walk around the campus, the ladies pass me by, eye me savagely up and down, and say, "Well, how are you Big Papa?" to which I politely respond, "Quite nice, thank you. I just returned from the quaintest of tea parties, and now I intend to stroll myself over to the make-your-own-teddy-bear shop to make myself a new friend."

The ladies respond with, "That sounds fly, you stroll that fine, fine booty over to the store and do your thang."

At this point, as a level headed self respecting male, I might choose to become offended by the outright objectification of my nubile body that these ladies seem to think is perfectly acceptable, but I don't.

"Well, ladies, it's been wonderful chatting with you, I guess I'll be strolling my fine booty now, ta ta!" By allowing the Big Papa to wash over me in confirmation of my gender rather than in conflict with it, I became empowered by the interaction rather than belittled.

My fellow brothers, do not allow yourself to become downtrodden and jaded as your body is ogled and your social contribution underestimated, because this is not what is actually occurring.

This is just gendered interaction, and you should be grateful for the opportunity to let the romance fly before drifting into the sweet serenity of the kitchen and baking pies.

Raise your glasses to objectification, and let the title of "Big Papa" bring you nothing but feelings of pride and affirmation as you stroll your fine booty down the campus pathways.

You can rest assured that you can rely on the pillar of the male community should feminine misanthropy ever threaten the gentle balance of society. You're every man; it's all in you.

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EDITORIAL



May the class of '04 rest in peace

Dearly Beloved, we are gathered here together today under this gigantic circus tent to celebrate the passing of the Class of 2004 into oblivion. It has distinguished and debauched itself in equal measures for four years now, and its time has come to depart. May it rest in peace.

Once young and bright-eyed, the class of 2004 matriculated four years ago on a dusky August night to the tune of bagpipes. You parents surely remember; the light was just perfect for photographs as the new students crossed the manicured quad. And later, when they put those little floating candles in the Mill Stream, yeah, that was the money shot. It definitely made the family newsletter that Christmas.

This class you now see arrayed in regalia before you came to the quiet confines of this leafy-green campus as the largest class admitted to Willamette in the history of the school. That fall, an alarmist op-ed submission on these very pages warned us all of the dangers the new, hyper-talented freshman class posed: classes flooded with type-A personalities and overachievers, making the rest of the school look bad. That was the tension between the remnants of Generation X and the newly arrived Generation Next.

Subsequent classes have since shattered 2004's record for size not once but twice. Nonetheless ought-four was the first class of the new millennium, star-crossed, destined for greatness. Its passage through Willamette's halls seemed to be writ large in the minds of us all. Oh, and let's not forget, this here was the crop that was finally going to put us over that Ivy League hump. They were franchise players.

Still, they had a long way to go from then until now. The members of the class of 2004 came to this place as crude balls of clay and leave it fully formed. They are streamlined specimens, svelte and sleek, cast in the bronze of a liberal arts education.

Now we have come together as witnesses as they are cruelly jettisoned into the harsh realities of the outside. Floundering economies, downsizing corporations, and the juggernaut of the baby boomers

headed straight for the jugular of social security — these are the obstacles that litter the path between our fledgling careerists and prosperity. Our best and brightest can no longer stay here being coddled by professors, getting the spit-and-handkerchief routine every time they get food stuck to their face. They must learn to feed and clothe themselves. The mid-week luxury of sleeping in past noon is now a thing of the past. Student clocks, long set for Miller Time and that point in the morning when subsequent dehydration reaches critical mass, must be programmed for nine to five, swing, or the graveyard shift.

But we will not let them pass into the unforeseen afterlife ill-equipped. Each member of comes armed with a brand-new degree, a well-nursed hatred for drizzling rain, and a growing fear that they will never meet anyone their age again in their lives. So, to say the least, treat them gingerly as they move amongst you these next couple weeks. They have just been forced to molt in the mid-May sunshine, sloughing off a particularly comfortable skin at the risk of a wicked sunburn. Let them recover for a couple months on that futon in your basement.

Of course, now that the members of the class of 2004 have willed us all of their stuff, we don't have to worry that we will offend them. So, here is an obligatory pot-shot: how about bus four at the senior social, huh? Jesus, maybe they can take it easy tonight after breaking a window, smoking dope in the bus, and ruining the whole tradition for the rest of the students! What a bunch of hooligans!

Okay, sorry about the rant; back to the nostalgia-soaked smaltz.

Their passing will not be mourned. We count many of them among our friends ... well, okay, some of them. Like the younger siblings in this family, we will always try to live up to the example set by big bro and big sis. Their memories will shine in our hearts for at least a little while.

But hey, today is supposed to be a party, so enough of this weepy crap. See you in the beer garden.

Coup d'Coop



EVAN COOPER

The Mill Stream shimmers in the sunlight as it effortlessly glides under the bridges of Willamette University between the two perfectly parallel banks that flank it.

Beautiful college students scamper around scantily clad for professional photographers to plaster on the web site opposite esoteric add campaigns using flawed geometric formulas in a self-defeating effort to establish the intelligence of our students ("Brains look like pudding").

Goudy serves pudding. Willamette students eat pudding. Must be the pudding.") Ah, the miracle of deduction

at work. But, in reality, a harrowing truth is flowing through the heart of our fair university.

For anyone who's had the unfortunate experience of being hurled into this viscous flow, (or gone in knees-first unaware of its lack of depth) it's impossible not to note that the Mill Stream spits you out rank and ridden with a plethora of undesirable pathogens.

Basically, the Mill Stream, for all its aesthetic contribution to the campus, is one of the most disgusting bodies of water next to Roman Polanski's hot tub.

This is an issue that the university, for all of the publicity that it extracts

from this little stream, should take care of. When it's only a matter of time until the ducks legs dissolve on contact, leaving the campus covered with duck boogeys, it's time to address this problem.

My suggestion is to follow the lead of so many hooligans on the campus attacking the chicken fountain with suds. Lambaste that dirty Mill Stream with truckloads of Irish Spring or something.

Not only would it clean it all out, there'd be squeaky-clean little fishies in there too. (Or it

"Beautiful college students scamper around scantily clad for professional photographers to plaster on the web site opposite esoteric add campaigns ..."

would dissolve their eyeballs and turn the rock-ridden Mill Stream into a precarious slalom of exploding

seafood.) Whatever the case, the stream needs to be cleaned, whatever the costs.

We need to recognize that Mother Nature is going to exact revenge on this campus if we don't take care of her little baby. The Mill Stream will rise up into a goo tsunami and crush the physical plant before our hapless eyes.

Please, clean the Mill Stream so every inner-tubing session isn't followed by a visit from the good people at Salem's bio-hazard unit. Also, the crescendo of frenzied quacking is unbearable.

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SPORTS

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SANDGATHE, MERTEN GIVEN ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Two Bearcat senior athletes were presented with prestigious annual awards at the student-athlete awards dessert held May 3. The awards are given every year to male and female athletes "exhibiting leadership, high rank of scholarship, outstanding athleticism and who has completed his/her collegiate athletic career," according to the school's athletics web site.

Miles Sandgathe, a forward on the Bearcat basketball team, was presented with the Henry Booth Award. Sandgathe was selected second-team All-Conference for the second year in a row. His 11.3 points per game was the second-highest average on the team.

Anne Merten, a midfielder/forward on Willamette's soccer team, was given the Jean Williams award. Merten is a four-time First-Team All-Northwest Conference Team member and a two-time All-American.



COURTESY OF LORI NORTHCRAFT

Senior Lori Northcraft (CENTER) ran the 10,000-meter race during her four years as a Bearcat athlete. Her coaches credit her outgoing personality and willingness to host recruits for much of the team's success. She will be moving to Texas to teach in the Rio Grande Valley through the Teach for America program next year.

Life continues beyond finish line

By BEN RAINVILLE

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The 10,000-meter run is one of the most taxing events in Track and Field. At over six miles, even the fastest women in Division III need about 35 minutes to complete the 10k.

"Some people think I'm crazy for doing it," said Lori Northcraft, a senior exercise science major. "It's really tough."

It takes a special kind of person to compete in the 10k, and according to those who know her, Northcraft is the perfect person for the event.

"Lori, a.k.a. Squirrel, is the only person I have ever met who came to college looking forward to racing the 10k!" said senior Leah Rinfret, another distance runner on Willamette's Northwest Conference champion women's track team. "Squirrel is one of the most motivated, caring and hardworking people I know."

Northcraft is probably one of the only people who would describe the 10k as "not that high-intensity."

"I like it because it's long," she added. "It's a social sport. It's a great way to talk to your friends."

SENIOR PROFILE

Northcraft has been one of the Bearcats' top female distance runners in her four years at Willamette. She posted the third-fastest 10k time on the team in 2003, good for 13th in conference. According to Bearcat head coach Matt McGuirk, however, Northcraft's influence on the team is measured by much more than just how she finishes events.

"Lori has been an outstanding role model for the Track and Cross Country team members here at Willamette," McGuirk said. "She has always been a very positive presence at practice, competitions and in the classroom. She has played a major part in helping to build our distance programs to their current level of national prominence."

McGuirk's feelings were echoed by former head coach Kelly Sullivan, who as the Bearcat head coach was

responsible for bringing Northcraft to Willamette.

"We got a brilliant young lady, who day in and day out gave me and the team 100 percent," Sullivan said. "Looking back on when I was recruiting Lori, I had no idea what we were getting."

Northcraft said that academics and Sullivan were the two biggest reasons she came to Willamette. By convincing Northcraft to come to his program,

Sullivan ended up with much more than just a good runner. Northcraft's outgoing, smiling personality helped to transform Willamette's women's track team into the power that it is today.

"I asked Lori to do 99 percent of the hosting of recruits," Sullivan said. "She was exactly the type of person we needed to welcome them here."

The end result was probably the best recruiting classes ever in Willamette school history, in Cross Country and in Track."

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"One of the main reasons that I came to Willamette was because of Lori's warmth and friendliness ..."

STACY WEST
sophomore

SIX BEARCATS NAMED TO BASEBALL ALL-CONFERENCE

Three Bearcats were selected to the All-Northwest Conference first and second teams, and three more were picked as honorable mention. Junior second baseman Dane Woldseth, whose .348 batting average led the team, was selected to the First Team.

Senior catcher Travis Shull and senior pitcher Zach Vande Griend were picked to the second team, while seniors shortstop Colin Griffin, outfielder Matt Drahn and outfielder Andrew Bartels were selected honorable mention.

HAGEN, BARNES AND SCHRUTH HONORED BY CONFERENCE

Senior Marcie Hagen and freshman Molly Barnes were picked to the All-Northwest Conference Softball Team, and freshman Cari Schruth was selected honorable mention.

Hagen, an infielder, led the team with a .375 batting average. Hagen also led the team in slugging percentage, walks and on base percentage, and stole 17 bases in 17 attempts.

Barnes, an outfielder, batted .306 with 15 RBI and led the team with eight doubles.

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Track team finishes season strong

By BRIAN BEST
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It was a very successful meet for the women who were able to prove to larger schools that Willamette can still compete with Division I athletes.

The Willamette University men's and women's track teams have had an excellent season, with strong senior leaders and incoming freshman talent, the team remains one of the powerhouses in Division III athletics. Last weekend, both teams sent athletes up to Seattle Washington for the Ken Shannon Invitational where several schools from the region met including, University of Washington, Lewis and Clark, University of Portland, Eastern Washington, Linfield and others. University of Washington, the obvious powerhouse won many of the events although Willamette saw several top placing athletes.

The Bearcat women placed in several events, contending with Washington and other ranked teams. Sophomore Lindsey Patterson placed fifth in the women's 100 meter dash and Freshman Mariah Hanson placed second in the 400 meter dash. In the women's 800 meter run junior Stephanie Vandehey and freshman Carly Killam placed seventh and eighth respectively. Senior Kari Holbert and junior Alicia Andrews both had excellent races in the 1500 meter run, Holbert placed third behind two Washington runners and Andrews placed fifth. In the 5000 meter run junior Natalie Muren placed second, beating three University of Washington runners and a tenth



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Having won the 800-meter run at George Fox earlier this year, junior Alicia Andrews placed fifth in the 1,500-meter run at the Ken Shannon Invitational.

of a second behind a U. Portland runner. Senior Jazzmin Reece placed third in the 100 meter hurdles while Patterson placed second in the long jump. It was a very successful meet for the women who were able to prove to larger schools that Willamette can still compete with Division I athletes.

The men also had a strong meet, placing in the top five in several events. Sophomore Nick Symmonds and senior Jacob Stout placed fourth and fifth in the 1500 meter run while junior Scott Overby placed eighth and junior Aaron Hollingstead placed tenth.

In the 5000 meter run,

Washington had three runners in the top five and Willamette's junior Brendan Brown placed sixth in the race. In the 110 meter hurdles, junior Tyler May placed second for the Bearcats while junior Nate Matlock got fifth in the hammer throw.

Overall, the men had an excellent meet and are hoping for an equally successful season next year.

Although the team is losing several strong senior leaders such as Stout, Aaron Young, and Letwon Canton, the team is confident in the leadership of the junior and sophomore classes.

Final Standings

BASEBALL

Willamette 5th (17-19)

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Willamette 2nd (17-8)

MEN'S GOLF

Willamette 1st

MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Willamette 1st

MEN'S SWIMMING

Willamette 6th (1-5)

FOOTBALL

Willamette 2nd (7-3)

MEN'S SOCCER

Willamette 5th (8-8-3)

MEN'S TRACK & FIELD

Willamette 1st

MEN'S TENNIS

Willamette 8th (2-8)

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Willamette 9th (4-21)

WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Willamette 1st

WOMEN'S ROWING

Willamette 3rd

SOFTBALL

Willamette 6th (16-23)

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Willamette 2nd (11-1-)

WOMEN'S SWIMMING

Willamette 3rd (7-3)

WOMEN'S TRACK & FIELD

Willamette 1st

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Willamette 3rd (18-8)

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Unick flying high at 5'3"

By LINDA AHMED
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She barely comes up to your chin. She might not even come up to your shoulder. Once she starts talking, though, suddenly she goes through a growth spurt. She is graduating senior Abbie Unick: an exercise science major, a four-year veteran of the Willamette women's basketball team and possibly a new member of the United States Air Force.

That's not completely true. She also might become a member of Americorps setting up sports programs in inner city schools.

It's important, however, not to get ahead of ourselves and go back to Unick's beginnings. Born Abbie Oasis (it's a family name) Unick in Ferndale, Wash., about 15-minutes from the Canadian border, sports have always been her first love.

"When I was a kid I always wanted to be outside playing sports or do something. My brother, though, was the exact opposite. He always wanted to be in the kitchen with Mom," Unick said.

Although sports were her first love, basketball was not. Abbie started out in gymnastics (interestingly enough she's too tall for the sport standing seven-inches taller than current Olympic hopeful 15-year-old Carly Patterson who is an intimidating 4-foot-6-inches) and quickly fell in love with softball. It wasn't until in high school that Unick decided she wanted to play college basketball.

"I chose D III, because I worked really hard for my grades, and I wanted to be able to play and get an education," she said. "Willamette has been a great balance."

Unick admits to struggling her freshman year, but that basketball has helped her realize who she is.

"Basketball has definitely shaped who I am. I've put in four years overall and I don't think I've worked so hard, been so frustrated in my life, but I came out an individual."

Leading a disciplined life is one reason why Unick is considering going into the Air Force.

The other reason is her older



COLLEGIAN ARCHIVES

Praised as having 'tenacious' defense by her basketball coach, senior Abbie Unick displays the same drive for success both on and off the court.

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brother Lee.

"He's kind of ADDish so when he joined it was a big shock, but I've seen what it's done for him and I think it can help me continue to build on the foundation of discipline that sports have provided, and I need that."

Despite sounding so certain about the benefits of the Air Force, Unick still has her doubts.

"I'm excited, but I'm scared

"She's a very driven person ... She never gives in, ever. If she goes into the armed services she'll be a drill sergeant."

TOM STEERS
basketball coach

that I can't measure up. Deep down there's some doubt if I can hand it, take all the yelling and take all the abuse at boot camp." Women's head basketball coach Tom Steers doesn't share Unick's

doubts about the Air Force.

"She's a very driven person," Steers said. "As a 5-foot-whatever she claims to be, sometimes she had to defend post players, and she was one of our best post defenders because of her tenacity. She never gives in, ever. If she goes into the armed services she'll be a drill sergeant," Steers said.

Unick's second post-gradua-

tion option is to join Athletes in Service to America, a National Americorps program that utilizes former student-athletes in the development of recreational programs in urban areas. Unick has worked at various camps and mentoring programs through basketball while at Willamette. The combination of being able to incorporate sports and nutrition is something that Unick is looking to do in her future, whether she joins Americorps or not.

"I'm really interested in nutrition," she said. "I'd love to pursue that, especially if it's working with kids and families and developing the healthy life style that I've grown to love. I just love working with kids in general through the basketball camps and mentoring that I've done here."

With all these options in her life Unick is taking it all in stride. "I'm not going to worry about it." According to Unick both her family and friends are extremely supportive and will be as interested to hear the final verdict on her plans for next year.

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-Abbie Unick, senior

Northcraft to teach in Texas

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One of the high school students that Northcraft hosted was current Bearcat sophomore Stacy West, also a distance runner.

"One of the main reasons that I came to Willamette was because of Lori's warmth and friendliness when I visited as a senior in high school," West said. "She has been a supportive and encouraging teammate, a devoted friend, and an excellent role model."

After graduation, Northcraft will put her warmth and friendliness to good use. She is entering Teach for America, a two-year program that places teachers in areas that need them most.

After a summer spent in Houston, Texas for training, she will be teaching her own bilingual elementary class in the Rio Grande Valley, near the border between Texas and Mexico.

"I really enjoy serving in low-income areas," Northcraft said. "I try to give back a little, and I love children."

While she is looking forward to her new job as a teacher, Northcraft will miss her time as a member of the Bearcat track team. She listed her role as a team leader and her job as the co-leader of a cross country camp as two of her highlights, but will mostly miss the women on the team she helped build.

"They are my family," Northcraft said. "They have been so supportive. They're all very down-to-earth girls, but they're also all very interesting. It's been so fun to support each other."

Northcraft's full influence on the track program may not be felt until she is teaching in Texas, but Sullivan, who has been hired to rebuild Oregon State's women's track team, acknowledges many of Willamette's achievements were made possible because of her.

"I owe a lot of our success over my years at Willamette to Lori, and I know a lot of her teammates would agree with me," Sullivan said. "She is an amazing young lady, and I will miss her a lot."

ARTS

Choir jets to South Africa in two days

After speaking at Willamette last spring, Archbishop Desmond Tutu invited the 50 person choir to come and perform in his native land.

By STEVE FIALA
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With fundraising complete and preparations slowly coming to a close, the Willamette University Chamber Choir will soon jet off to South Africa for their summer tour of music and culture.

Chamber choir members have been busy with the yearlong duties of fundraising and practicing music and choreography, but recently had to deal with the small preparations that will ensure a healthy voyage. In preparation for the music excursion, each singer secured a passport, received two hepatitis A and three hepatitis B shots and were advised to purchase Malaria medication to help prevent the illness.

According to sophomore Pierre-Alain Chevalier, another key aspect of preparing is knowing what is culturally appropriate in the country. With shots and passports taken care of, each singer had to deal with the next important issue; what to pack.

"They told me that two suitcases were allowed on the plane, but they advised me to only bring one," sophomore Mike Osborne said. "I say two weeks...one suitcase...in your dreams."

Choir members are packing casual and performance clothing, deet-filled bug spray, sun block, hats and cameras. According to freshman Jonathan Hicks, the choir was advised not to pack black and blue colored safari-wear as these colors attract tse tse flies.

Aside from the possibility of contracting Malaria, the worries of the Chamber Choir vary. Senior Renee Schwab fears the onset of jet lag and the constant stress of moving and singing for two weeks, while Chevalier is concerned about being a rude tourist because "sometimes it is hard to be respectful when you do not understand a culture."

"I'm not really worried about much," Osborne said. "Well, except for the possibility of dying when doing the highest bungee jump in the world."

All of these worries are overshadowed by the excitement of experiencing another country and culture. Over the course of the tour, Chamber Choir will perform in cities such as Pretoria, Durban, Cape Town, and Johannesburg. According to Chevalier, this South African tour is similar to other tours in terms of the number of performances. However, this summer's tour will be longer than usual and will afford more time for non-performance related interests.

"I'm excited to really get a feel for the culture of the country outside of what a tour guide shows us," Osborne said.

Chamber Choir leaves to spread the gift of music on Tues., May 18, and will return to the States on Tues., June 2.

Style FILE

by Julie Williams, columnist

Without an extreme makeover budget (in fact no money at all) I set out to transform two seniors and their college wardrobe into warriors of the work world. These two were converted with the hair-styling help of senior Renee Schwab and the magic of M.A.C. make-up artist Kelli Birchell. Whether senior Corrinne Hill is winning a case in Law School next year or senior Mike Kiefer gets a job he's interviewed for, at least they look fabulous!

Corrinne needed a suit that doesn't take no for an answer. This was the perfect find because not only was it on sale, but it is unique due to the white ribbing and seam-stripes. It is especially versatile since the coat could also be paired with black slacks or even jeans, just as the spicy red top easily transitions from day to night. Corrinne is simply accessorized with large chandelier earrings which accent the theme of the outfit: An overall simplicity through a montage of bold pieces.



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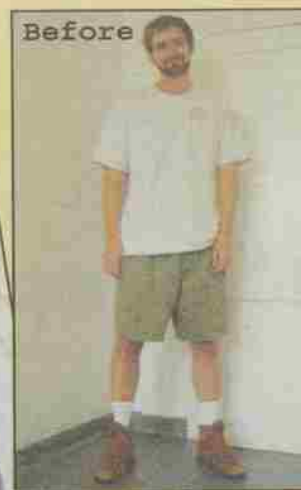


Senior Corrinne Hill wears a "pin"-striped Classiques Intier suit (Nordstrom, \$231.80), a sleeveless Classiques Intier top (Nordstrom, \$68), BCBG Girls heels (Nordstrom, \$69.95) and chandelier earrings (Ann Taylor Loft, \$18).



JULIE WILLIAMS

Senior Mike Kiefer wears the Kenneth Cole New York "Pant Well Taken II" (Nordstrom, \$59.50), a 7 Diamonds shirt (Nordstrom, \$69) and, unfortunately, he couldn't afford shoes (graduation checks aren't here yet). Mike's hair is wearing Bed Head, "Head Banger Way-out Wax for Rock Stars" found at Sally's stores or hair salons.



JULIE WILLIAMS

This day was traumatic for Mike, for not only did he have to lose the grizzly beard, but he got pulled over on the way to the hair stylist's (and not by the fashion police). Luckily, his smooth talking got him out of a ticket. Now, he needed an outfit for talking his way through job interviews. This black slacks are a staple for any man's wardrobe. Since they are not for a suit they'd easily go from work to the bar (seems to be a theme here...). The fitted pants are compliments by the slim-fit shirt, though it throws in a twist with differently angled stripes on the front and back. If we could afford to accessorize Mike he would be wearing a chunky leather strapped watch and black, square-toed, leather shoes.

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